

Surah 50 Surah Qaaf

QAAF

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH QAAF AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

Surahs Muhammad ﷺ, Fatah and Hujuraat formed part of the last fifth of the Qur'aan outline aspects of Jihaad. Thereafter, Surahs Qaaf, Dhaariyaat and Toor begin the second part, detailing aspects like resurrection and reckoning.

The first part instructs Muslims to fight the *Mushrikeen* because they ascribe many partners to Allaah. The second part mentions that besides their Shirk, they also refute resurrection, *Qiyaamah* and reckoning.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

- * Two logical proofs to substantiate resurrection, the first is detailed, while the second is brief.
- * The beginning of the *Surah* reproaches the *Kuffaar*.
- * The end of the *Surah* consoles Rasulullaah ﷺ.
- * In between, *Towheed* is dealt with in greater degree than was mentioned in the *Preceding Surahs*.
- * The *Kuffaar* are warned about the punishment they will face in the *Aakhirah*.
- * Glad tidings of *Jannah* are given to the *Mu'mineen*.

سُوْرَةُ قَافٍ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ خَمْسُ وَاثْنَانِ اِيْتٍ قَدْ نَزَّلَتْ مُكْتَمَلَةً
بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

قَدْ نَزَّلَ الْقُرْآنَ الْمَجِيدَ ①

النزل

1. Qaaf. (Only Allaah knows the correct meaning of this letter.) By the oath of the Glorious Qur'aan (you people will certainly be resurrected).

بَلْ عَجَبُوْا اَنْ جَاءَهُمْ مُّنْذِرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَقَالَ الْكٰفِرُوْنَ هٰذَا شَيْءٌ عَجِيْبٌ ②

2. Yet (despite receiving proof that Rasoolullah ﷺ is a Rasool) they (the Kuffaar) are astonished (amazed) that a warner (a Nabi) has come to them from among themselves (warning them about the coming of Qiyaamah and resurrection). So (in response to the warning) the Kaafiroon say, "This (resurrection) is something (very) strange."

اِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا فَاِذْكَ رَجِعٌ اَعِيْدُ ③

3. "Will we be brought back to life after we have (died, after we have been buried and) become sand? This resurrection is certainly farfetched (a fabrication and unbelievable)!"

قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا تَنْقُصُ الْاَرْضُ مِنْهُمْ وَعِنْدَنَا كِتٰبٌ حَفِيْظٌ ④

4. We know what the earth diminishes of them (decomposes of their bodies and we are able to collect every part together for resurrection) and (in addition) with Us is the Protected Book (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh" which contains these and all other details).

بَلْ كَذَّبُوْا بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ فَهُمْ فِيْ اَمْرٍ مَّرِيْجٍ ⑤

5. (Despite hearing the truth,) They (the Kuffaar) reject the truth when it comes to them and are in a confused (restless) state.

اَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوْا اِلَى السَّمٰوٰتِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَا لَهَا وُزْنَهَا وَهِيَ زَاخِرَةٌ مِّنْ فُرُوْجٍ ⑥

6. (To understand Our power to resurrect the dead,) Have they not looked at the sky above (all that is above) them and seen how (well) We have made it, beautified (decorated) it and that it has no cracks (despite its size, height, age and many functions)?

وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَالْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ۝٧

7. And *(have they not looked at)* the earth which We have spread out, placed massive mountains on it and have produced on it every *(all)* type of magnificent growth?

تَبْصِرَةً وَذِكْرًا لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ۝٨

8. *(These are all)* Eye-openers and reminders for every repentant slave *(sincere believer informing him that Our powers are immense and that resurrecting the dead is a small feat for Us)*.

وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبَارَكًا فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ وَحَبَّ الْحَصِيدِ ۝٩

9. *(In addition to all of this,)* We have sent blessed rains from the sky and have grown with it gardens grains for harvest...

وَالنَّخْلَ لُتْلُ لُتْلٍ لَهَا طَعَتْ نَظِيدٌ ۝١٠

10. ...and tall date palms with interwoven branches...

رِزْقًا لِلْعِبَادِ وَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَيِّتَةً كَذَلِكَ الْخُرُوجُ ۝١١

11. ...as a provision for man. And We have *(also)* revived dead *(barren)* land with it *(with the rains)*. Such shall the resurrection be *(when We shall revive dead bodies)*.

كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَأَصْحَابُ الرَّسِّ وَثَمُودُ ۝١٢

12. The nation of Nooh عليه السلام, the people of the well *(a community of Kuffaar who were swallowed by the earth as they sat beside a well)* and the Thamud rejected *(the message of their Ambiyaa عليه السلام)* before them.

وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ وَإِخْوَانُ لُوطٍ ۝١٣

13. So too did the Aad, Fir'oun, the people of Loot عليه السلام...

وَأَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ وَقَوْمُ تُبَّعٍ كُلٌّ كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ وَعِيدِ ۝١٤

14. ...the people of the forest *(Madyan)* and the nation of Tubba. Each one of them rejected their Rusul, so My warning *(of punishment)* came to pass.

أَفَعَيِينَا بِالْخَلْقِ الْأَوَّلِ بَلْ هُمْ فِي لَبْسٍ مِّنْ خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۝١٥

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15. Did We get tired with the first creation *(after creating everything for the first time)* ? **No. Yet they are in doubt** *(deception)* **about the new creation** *(resurrection, which would be easier because it is a repeat of an act that has already been performed previously)* .

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ ۖ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ ۝١٦

16. Verily *(truly)* **We have created man, We are aware of the** *(evil)* **whispers that enter his heart** *(soul)* **and We are closer to him than his jugular vein.** *(We know him better than himself.)*

إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّينَ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ ۝١٧

17. (Do not forget each time) **When the two receivers** *(angels)* **receive** *(record the good and bad acts of a person), sitting on his right and left hand sides* *(respectively)*.

مَا يَلْفُظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ۝١٨

18. Whenever a word escapes *(from a person's mouth), there is a guard ready by him.* *(An angel immediately records the good or bad speech).*

وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ذَٰلِكَ مَا كُنْتَ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُ ۝١٩

19. The pangs *(agony)* **of death will bring the truth** *(of Imaan to every person)* . *(Then it will then be said to the dying person,)* **“This** *(death)* **is what you used to avoid.”** *(However, now you have no option.)*

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ الْوَعِيدِ ۝٢٠

20. (Then, to bring people back to life on the day of Qiyaamah,) **The trumpet will be sounded.** *(The people will then be told,)* **“This is what you were warned about.”**

وَجَاءَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّعَهَا سَائِقٌ وَشَهِيدٌ ۝٢١

21. Every soul shall come with an angel *(who will take him to the place where he will be questioned)* **and a witness** *(the angel who has recorded all his actions)* .

لَقَدْ كُنْتَ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ هَٰذَا فَكَشَفْنَا عَنْكَ غِطَاءَكَ فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ حَدِيدٌ ۝٢٢

22. (The person will then be told,) “You were certainly heedless (inconvenient) about this (day). We have removed your veils from you (opened your eyes) and your vision (insight) is ever sharp today (you can now see what was unseen to you in the world).”

وَقَالَ قَرِينُهُ هَذَا مَا لَدَىٰ عَتِيدٍ ۖ

23. His companion (the angel who always remained with him to record his actions) shall (present the record of actions and) say, “This is what I have ready (prepared).”

أَلْقِيَا فِي جَهَنَّمَ كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ ۚ

24. (After reckoning, Allaah will command the angels saying,) “Throw every obstinate (stubborn, ungrateful) Kaafir into Jahannam,…”

مُنَاعٍ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ مُّرِيبٍ ۙ

25. “...everyone who prevented (hindered) good, who was rebellious (transgressing) and who created doubts,…”

الَّذِي جَعَلَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَأَلْقِيهِ فِي الْعَذَابِ الشَّدِيدِ ۖ

26. “...(and) who ascribed another Ilaah with Allaah. So fling (cast) him into a severe (terrible) punishment.”

قَالَ قَرِينُهُ رَبَّنَا مَا أَطْغَيْتُهُ وَلَكِنْ كَانَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ۖ

27. His companion (the Shaytaan who always remained with him) will say, “O our Rabb! I did not (forcibly) mislead him but he was in distant deviation (of his own accord. So do not punish me for his wrongdoing).”

قَالَ لَا تَخْتَصِمُوا لَدَيَّ وَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْوَعِيدِ ۖ

28. Allaah shall say, “Do not argue (quarrel) before me (for it is fruitless). I have already sent a warning to you (informing you that those who go astray shall be punished).”

مَا يَبْدُلُ أَقْوَلُ لَدَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا بِظَالِمٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ۚ

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29. “(So prepare to be punished because) The decision (order) that proceeds from Me shall never be altered and I do not oppress My slaves. (They will be punished only because they deserve the punishment for their sins).”

يَوْمَ نَقُولُ لِجَهَنَّمَ هَلِ امْتَلَأْتَ وَتَقُولُ هَلْ مِنْ مَزِيدٍ ٣٠

30. On the day (of Qiyaamah) We shall ask Jahannam, “Are you full?” and she will reply, “Are there any more (to come because I still have more space)?”

وَأَزَلَّتِ الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ ٣١

31. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) Jannah will be brought close to those with Taqwa and will not be far away (so that it can be observed in all its splendour).

هَذَا مَا وَعَدُونَا لِكُلِّ أَثْوَابٍ حَفِيفٍ ٣٢

32. (They will then be told,) “This is what you have been promised for every penitent (repentant) and conscientious (sincere) person.”

مَنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُنِيبٍ ٣٣

33. (This person is) “The one who feared Allaah without seeing Him and has arrived with a repentant heart (a heart that is attached to Allaah).”

ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ الْخُلُودِ ٣٤

34. (Upon reaching Jannah, they will be told) “Enter it (Jannah) in peace (without any fear of hardship or fear of being removed). This is a day of eternal (unending) life.”

لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ ٣٥

35. They shall have whatever they desire there (in Jannah) and We even have something extra for them. (They will see Allaah Himself and would have secured His everlasting pleasure.)

وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِنْ قَرْنٍ هُمْ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ بَطْشًا فَنَقَّبُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ هَلْ مِنْ مَخِصٍ ٣٦

36. How many were the nations that We destroyed before them (the people of Makkah) who were mightier (in power) than them? So (when the punishment arrived) they scurried through the cities (searching for an escape and calling) “Is there any escape?” (However, despite their strength and resources, they could not escape Allaah's punishment.)

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرًا لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ ٣٧

37. There is certainly a reminder *(to think about)* in this for him who has a heart *(that believes)* or who listens attentively.

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ وَمَا مَسَّنَا مِنْ لُغُوبٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

38. We have created the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two in six days without fatigue even remotely touching Us. *(How can resurrection then be difficult for Us?)*

فَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. Patiently bear whatever they *(the Kuffaar)* say *(to hurt you)* and glorify the praises of your Rabb before sunrise and before sunset *(by reading Tasbeeh or performing Nafli salaah)*.

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَادْبَارَ السُّجُودِ ﴿٤٠﴾

40. Glorify Him *(by engaging in Tasbeeh and Nafli salaah)* during a portion of the night as well and after prostration *(after performing salaah)*.

وَاسْتَمِعْ يَوْمَ يُنَادِ الْمُنَادِ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ﴿٤١﴾

41. Listen attentively *(to what has already been said and what is still to come)*. *(Do not forget)* The day when the caller *(the angel Israafeel عليه السلام)* will call *(blow the trumpet)* from a near place *(because wherever one will be, the sound will seem nearby or from Baitul Muqaddas)*.

يَوْمَ لَيَسْمَعُنَّ الصَّيْحَةَ بِالْحَقِّ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ الْخُرُوجِ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. The day when people shall hear the screech *(the sound of the trumpet)* in truth, this is the day of resurrection *(after the second blowing of the trumpet)*.

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نُحْيِي وَنُمِيتُ وَالْيَنَّا الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. Indeed it is only We who give life and death and to Us shall be the return *(of every soul and none will be able to escape)*.

يَوْمَ تَشَقَّقُ الْأَرْضُ عَنْهُمْ سِرَاعًا ذَٰلِكَ حَشْرٌ عَلَيْنَا يَسِيرُ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. The day when the earth shall split open from above them *(above their graves)* and they will be hurrying *(towards the plain of resurrection)*. This shall be a gathering very easy for Us.

نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ وَمَا أَنتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ فَذَكَرَ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَنْ يَخَافُ وَعِيدِ ﴿٤٥﴾

45. We know best what they *(the Kuffaar)* say and you *(O Rasulullaah)* are not one to force them *(to accept Imaan for you are not a tyrant)*. Warn by means of this Qur'aan him who fears My warning *(because these are the ones who will take heed)*.